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SUBJECT: US OFFER TO HOST 1974 SYMPOSIUM

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1. MISSION HAS CONVEYED TO DDG HALL SUBSTANCE REFTTEL RE STRONG AEC INTEREST IN HOSTING SYMPOSIUM ON DYNAMIC STUDIES WITH RADIOISOTOPES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE AND RESEARCH. DG IS ON DUTY TRAVEL AND NOT SCHEDULED RETURN VIENNA UNTIL ABOUT APRIL 15.

2. SINCE WE ARE APPARENTLY NOW EMBARKED ON COLLISION COURSE WITH FRG OVER WHO HOSTS THIS MEETING, MISSION WISHES TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS SO THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES INVOLVED. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT AT THIS STAGE WHERE WE WILL COME OUT. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT FRG WILL PUSH HARD AND EXERT PRESSURE ON US TO BACK OFF. DEPT/ AEC SHOULD BE PREPARED, THEREFORE, TO DEAL WITH THIS ASPECT OF MATTER. IT SHOULD ALSO BE CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT DG'S DECISION COULD, IN FINAL ANALYSIS, GO AGAINST US, IN VIEW OF OUR EARLIER REPORT THAT SCHEER, FRG FORMER DIRECTOR OF AGENCY'S DIVISION OF LIFE SCIENCES, WHO APPARENTLY IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN FRG OFFER, HAS " INSIDE TRACK" WITH DG. A LOT WILL DEPEND, OF COURSE, ON HOW IMPORTANT US VIEWS MATTER IN TOTAL SCHEME OF THINGS AND HOW HARD WE WANT TO PUSH. FURTHER, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT BY THE

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TIME A DECISION IS FINALLY MADE, DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS TO HOST SYMPOSIA WILL HAVE PASSED, A NUMBER OF TENTATIVE SELECTIONS WILL HAVE BEEN MADE, AND WE WILL NOT HAVE TOO MUCH CHOICE LEFT FOR HOSTING SOME OTHER SYMPOSIUM IF DECISION TO HOST THIS PARTICULAR MEETING GOES AGAINST US. FRG WILL BE IN SAME BOAT IF THEY LOSE.

3. WHILE US CAN MAKE PERSUASIVE CASE ON BASIS AMOUNT OF INTEREST AND RESEARCH ON SUBJECT CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, IT IS LIKELY THAT FRG CAN ALSO MAKE A GOOD CASE, NOTING FURTHER THAT IT WOULD COST AGENCY SUBSTANTIALLY LESS TO HAVE MEETING IN EUROPE. RE NUMBER OF US PARTICIPANTS, FACTS SHOW THAT US REPRESENTATION AT AGENCY SYMPOSIA IN EUROPE DEALING WITH MEDICAL-RELATED SUBJECTS IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN OTHER AGENCY SYMPOSIA, E. G., 56 US NOMINEES TO SYMPOSIUM ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS AND LABELLED COMPOUNDS BEING HELD IN COPENHAGEN THIS WEEK, AND 90 US NOMINEES AT SYMPOSIUM ON MEDICAL RADIOISOTOPE SCINTIGRAPHY HELD AT MONACO LAST YEAR. NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER AT RECENT AGENCY SYMPOSIA WAS 34 US NOMINEES AT WASTE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM IN PARIS. MOST OTHERS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. THUS, ARGUMENT THAT US PARTICIPATION MIGHT BE LIMITED IF MEETING IN QUESTION HELD IN EUROPE IS NOT VERY PERSUASIVE.

4. IN LIGHT FOREGOING, MISSION RECOMMENDS ALTERNATE CONFERENCE BE SELECTED IMMEDIATELY AS POSSIBILITY FOR US HOSTING IN ORDER THAT MISSION MAY REQUEST HALL INFORMALLY TO PLACE HOLD ON IT AGAINST PROPOSAL BY ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PENDING DG DECISION RE US FIRST AND ONLY CHOICE. WE WOULD EMPHASIZE TO HALL THAT US HAS ONLY ONE CHOICE AND ALTERNATE NOT US SECOND CHOICE AT THIS TIME, BUT ONLY POSSIBILITY WHICH AGENCY, IN ITS OWN INTEREST, SHOULD WISH TO KEEP OPEN. ADVISE SOONEST.
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